

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-7 have been amended. Support for the amendments is provided at least in the original claims and paragraphs [0022] and [0024] of the specification.

Claims 1-3 were rejected, presumably under 35 USC §102(e), as being anticipated by Sundar et al. (US 2003/0133421). Claims 4-7 were rejected, under 35 USC §103(a), as being unpatentable over Achour et al. (US 6,363,260) in view of Sundar. To the extent the rejections may be deemed applicable to the amended claims, the Applicants respectfully traverse.

Sundar discloses a network, comprising a wireless LAN and a wireless broadband network connected via an IP network, in which a wireless LAN client is able to roam and access both the wireless LAN and the wireless broadband network. Achour discloses, upon purchasing a mobile telephone, storing a service provider roaming list having a list of frequencies and bandwidths for different countries.

However, neither of the applied references discloses the features recited in claims 1 and 7 of: (1) extracting stored identification information automatically or via manual user operation and transmitting the extracted identification

information from a mobile apparatus and (2) receiving a signal, in response to the transmitted identification information, containing information on frequency and access technology that is used at the current position of the mobile apparatus and is: (a) extracted from an external database based on the transmitted identification information and (b) transmitted to the mobile apparatus from an external source by a communication method different from a cellular method.

According to the claimed invention, information on frequency and access technology that can be used by a mobile terminal is extracted from an external database, using identification information communicated by the mobile apparatus, and transmitted from an external source. Thus, the mobile apparatus need only store the identification information alone. By contrast to this feature, Achour's mobile apparatus stores a roaming list and, therefore, needs to store a large volume of information in memory. As a result, Achour's system cannot provide the advantage of the present invention; that is, Achour's system cannot eliminate the need to provide a mobile apparatus with an enormous storage element for storing a service region's preset table, which is absolutely essential in a mobile apparatus. Thus, Achour's system does not enable the manufacturing costs of the mobile apparatus to be reduced.

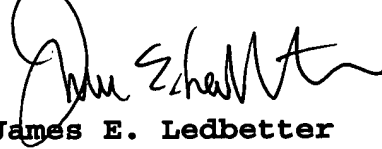
Sundar does not supplement the teachings of Achour with respect to the above-described features distinguishing claims 1 and 7 from Achour. Although the Office Action proposes that Sundar inherently discloses a mobile apparatus that extracts and transmits stored identification information to obtain frequency and access technology that may be used by the mobile apparatus at its current position (see Office Action section 1, third and fourth paragraphs), both Applicants' description of the Background Art in the specification and Achour identify a different way in which a mobile terminal acquires frequency and access technology information for its present position. Thus, the Office Action's proposed alternative manner for acquiring the frequency and access technology information is not the only way of acquiring the information and, therefore, cannot inherently be the way this information must be acquired.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that the applied references, considered individually or in combination, do not anticipate or render obvious the subject matter defined by claims 1 and 7. Therefore, allowance of claims 1 and 7 and all claims dependent therefrom is warranted.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

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